Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. is supplying coal to power stations in Andhra Pradesh and to Ennore & Basin Bridge Power stations of Tamilnadu. The coal supplied by SCCL is of Grades E, F & G and ash content varies from 34% to 45%.

(c) Ash content in coal can be reduced only by beneficiating the coal which will involve additional cost to which the power houses have not yet agreed. To the extent possible, coal companies have made picking arrangement for removing shale and other extraneous matter by setting up coal handling plants and other-wise.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges

92. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) What are the details of electronic telephone exchanges so far set up, Statewise; and also telephone circle/district-wise; and

(b) what are the proposals drawn up to set up such electronic exchanges during the current financial year and also during the next four years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The details of Electronic Local Telephone Exchanges, excluding 9-line exchanges, so far set up, State-wise and also telephone circle/District-wise are given in statement.

(b) (*i*) It is proposed to set up about 24 Electronic Local Telephone Exchanges (excluding 9-line exchanges) during the remaining part of the current financial year.

(*ii*) It is also proposed to set up about 146 Electronic Local Telephone Exchanges (excluding 9-line exchanges) during the next four years.

Statement

Details of Electronic Local Telephone Exchanges set up so far excluding 9-line Exchanges (State/circle/District-wise)

Sl. No.	Names of Exchange	State	Telecom. Circle/Telephone District
1	Sirsa	Haryana	North West Telecom. Circle
2	Gurgaon	Do.	Do.
3	Pathankot	Punjab	Do.
4	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Telecom. Circle
5	Karur	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle
6	Nangambakkam Madras	Do.	Madras Telecom. District.
7	Gandhidham	Gujarat	Gujarat Telecom. Circle
8	Veraval	Do.	Do.
9	Railwaypura (Ahmedabad)	Do.	Ahmedabad Telephone District.
10	Gulbarga	Karnataka	Karnataka Telecom. Circle

Sl. No.	Names of Exchange	State	Telecom. Circle/Telephone District
11.	Imphal	Manipur	North East Telecom. Circle
12.	Dibrugarh	Assam	Do.
13.	Kanpur (Lajpatnagar)	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur Telephone District.
14.	Almora	Do.	U.P. Telecom. Circle
15.	Nainital	Do.	Do.
16.	Kosikalan	Do.	Do.
17.	Ujhani	Do.	Do.
18.	Cooperage, Bombay (code 202)	Maharashtra	Bombay Telephone District.
19.	Cooperage Bombay (code 204)	Do.	Do.
20.	Mazagaon-III, Bombay	Do.	Do.
21.	Bandra-I, Bombay	Maharashtra	Bombay Telephone District.
22.	Worli-III, Bombay	Do.	Do.
23.	Idgah-IV, Delhi	Delhi (U.T.)	Delhi Telephone District.
24.	Tis Hazari, IV, Delhi	Do.	Do.
25.	Sena Bhavan "	Do.	Do.
26.	Kidwai Bhavan, Delhi	Do.	Do.
27.	Rajouri Garden, Delhi	Do.	Do.
28.	Nehru Place, III, Delhi	Do.	Do.
29.	Karolbagh IV, Delhi	Do.	Do.
30.	Salt lake, Calcutta	West Bengal	Calcutta Telephone District.

Oil Exploration

93. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any schemes have been drawn up for exploration of oil and natural gas resources during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) funds needed for these schemes and how much allocation is proposed to be made during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The approved outlay for the Seventh Plan for ONGC is Rs. 8752.67 crores and for OIL Rs. 950 crores. The details of exploration programme are being worked out.